

## Senate Bill No. 152

### CHAPTER 511

An act to add Section 79.2 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 152, Johannessen. Deputy Secretary of Veterans Homes.

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the California veterans home at various sites for aged and disabled veterans who meet certain eligibility criteria. Existing law requires each California veterans home to be under the management and control of the Department of Veterans Affairs and, subject to the policies adopted by the Board of Veterans Affairs and the direction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to be administered by an administrator.

This bill would require the Governor to appoint, in addition to the secretary, a Deputy Secretary of Veterans Homes to serve at the pleasure of the secretary, to be responsible for the administration of all sites of the California veterans homes, for the purpose of overseeing and monitoring all aspects of medical care that is being provided to men and women veterans who are residents at any California veterans home.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 79.2 is added to the Military and Veterans Code, to read:

79.2. (a) In addition to the secretary, the Governor shall appoint a Deputy Secretary of Veterans Homes, to serve at the pleasure of the secretary, who shall be responsible for the administration of all sites of the California veterans homes.

(b) It is preferable that the deputy secretary is a medical doctor who holds a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended license to practice medicine in this state, or is a professionally trained hospital administrator with (1) experience in managing a multihospital organization and (2) training or experience in the care of the elderly.

(c) The role of the deputy secretary shall be to oversee and monitor all aspects of medical care that is being provided to men and women veterans who are residents in any California veterans home.

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